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SUBJECT: ENFORCEMENT OF WILDLIFE LAWS (INV 8-2227 BO)

1. THE UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT OF 1973, (16 USC 1538). THIS ACT PROHIBITS, AMONG OTHER THINGS THE IMPORTATION OF ANY ANIMAL, OR PART OR PRODUCT THEREOF, WHICH IS LISTED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR AS AN ENDANGERED SPECIES. BOTH TIGERS AND LEOPARDS ARE LISTED AS ENDANGERED SPECIES.

2. THE USFWS HAS RECENTLY RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT BRYAN C. J. COLEMAN, A BRITISH SUBJECT CURRENTLY LIVING IN EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT ON A PERMANENT RESIDENT VISA, HAS BEEN GUIDING AMERICAN HUNTERS ON TIGER AND LEOPARD HUNTS IN SUMATRA. REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE TROPHIES OBTAINED ON THESE HUNTS ARE TO BE SHIPPED TO CANADA VIA LONDON AND SUBSEQUENTLY SMUGGLED INTO THE US IN VIOLATION OF THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT AND OTHER US LAWS.

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3. USFWS REQUESTS THE EMBASSY IN ITS DISCRETION TO CONTACT APPROPRIATE GOI AGENCY AND OBTAIN A LIST OF NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF US HUNTERS AUTHORIZED TO HUNT TIGERS AND LEO-

PARDS BETWEEN 1 APRIL 1975 AND 15 JULY 1975. USFWS ALSO REQUESTS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT EACH HUNTER IF SUCH INFORMATION IS RELATIVELY EASILY AVAILABLE (A) DATES OF HUNT (B) NAME OF GUIDE (C) TROPHIES KILLED (D) WHERE TROPHIES WERE SHIPPED AFTER LEAVING INDONESIA. USFWS FURTHER REQUESTS THAT EMBASSY USE DISCRETION ABOUT RELEASE OF INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN AND SUGGESTS THAT REASON FOR INTEREST IN THIS MATTER SHOULD NOT BE DISCLOSED TO GOI IF SECURITY OF THE INVESTIGATION WOULD BE COMPROMISED.

4. USFWS STRESSES THAT EMBASSY IS NOT EXPECTED TO ACT IN ROLE OF INVESTIGATOR, BUT IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN ONLY THAT INFORMATION WHICH IS AVAILABLE FROM OFFICIAL GOI SOURCES.

5. IN REPLY PLEASE USE CAPTION: FOR INTERIOR DEPARTMENT, T.L. STRIEGLER, DIVISION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE. SISCO

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